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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: Cuban Imagery Coverage

This paper reviews the background of current Cuban imagery requirements and offers several options for coverage if aircraft overflights are suspended.

BACKGROUND

On 2 April 1970, USIB approved USIB-D-46.4/35, the revised statement of requirements for overhead photographic reconnaissance of Cuba. They required:

b. Manned aircraft missions responsive to the above requirement be scheduled to provide one successful overflight during any 4-week period.

c. A capability be maintained to overfly within 24 hours against specific critical objectives, regardless of status of achievement against the standing requirements.

While this restatement of requirements materially relaxed the previous requirements, it called for coverage which is still much more stringent and

The Cuban requirements were written to accommodate a desire to "show the flag" to the Cubans as they tracked the overflying aircraft. The USIB paper also asked for a 24-hour response capability that could only be met by aircraft.

COMIREX is currently revising the 5-year guidance and this summation of requirements, ~~it~~, will be stated in a form which is collection platform independent. Area requirements papers such as that for Cuba would presumably be superseded when this is published.

SATELLITE COVERAGE

The present USIB Cuba requirement does not specify individual target coverage and none of the COMIREX targets in Cuba are assigned for

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3. Program other point targets of interest for coverage by proper prioritizing.

Option 2

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Peripheral Aircraft (See

talking paper, 7 June 1973.)

Option 3

Option 1 supplemented as necessary by peripheral aircraft.

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